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SUBJECT: ATTEMPT BY TUNISIAN CITIZENS TO FREE LIBYAN POLITICAL
PRISONER?

1. A RELIABLE LIBYAN EMPLOYEE OF THE EMBASSY SAYS,
QUOTING A FRIEND AT THE MINISTRY OF INTERIOR, THAT
SOME TEN DAYS AGO AN ATTEMPT WAS MADE TO SMUGGLE
ABD AL-AZIZ SHELHI, THE PRE-REVOLUTIONARY CHIEF OF
STAFF OF THE LIBYAN ARMY, OUT OF LIBYA. SHELHI HAD
BEEN UNDER HOUSE ARREST SINCE LAST SUMMER, WHEN A
"PEOPLE'S COURT" PERMITTED HIM TO LEAVE JAIL. THREE
TUNISIANS ARE SAID TO HAVE BEEN ARRESTED IN CONNECTION
WITH THE ATTEMPT.

2. COMMENT: THIS WOULD NOT, OF COURSE, BE THE FIRST ATTEMPT
TO FREE ABD AL-AZIZ SHELHI.
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